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SUBJ: INDIAN DIPLOMAT OPTIMISTIC ON INDI-PAKISTAN TIES, BUT
SEES KASHMIR ISSUED AS SHADOW

1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DEPUTY SECRETARY S.N. PURI (PAKAF) SEPTEMBER 29 TO DISCUSS
GENERAL STATE OF INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS. PURI GAVE THE
GOP GOOD MARKS FOR HANDLING THE HIJACKING PROBLEM (SEPTTEL),
BUT ADDED THAT THE GOI WAS MADE UNEASY BY PRIME MINISTER
BHUTTO'S PERIODIC REFERENCES TO KASHMIR (ISLAMABAD 9787).
PURI TOOK PAINS TO SAY THAT RELATIONS WERE PROCEEDING ALONG
A QUITE NORMAL PLANE, AND THAT THE GOI WAS PLEASED THAT THE
PAKISTAN FOREIGN SECRETARY IS COMING TO DELHI NEXT WEEK FOR
TALKS ON SALAL. PURI SAID HE IS HIPEFUL THAT THESE TALKS
CAN SETTLE AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL WHAT THE TWO COUNTRIES
HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE TO DATE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.
THE GOI, HOWEVER, WAS PREPARED TO SEE THE SALAL ISSUE GO
TO NEUTRAL ARBITRATION IF THAT IS NECESSARY. PURI SAID
THE INDIANS ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE PROPAGANDE CESSATION,
WHICH HOLDS, AND SATISFIED THAT THE WAR OF WORDS HAS QUIETED
DOWN.

2. ON THE VISA FRON PURI SAID HIS STAFF HAS CLEARED A
BACKLOG OF 30,000 PAKISTANI VISA REQUESTS SINCE MID-JULY.
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HE SAID CURRENT VISA APPLICATION ARE COMING IN AT THE

RATE OF 4.000 PER MONTH, AND MOST OF THESE ARE BEING GRANTED WITHIN SIX WEEKS. (A NUMBER OF INDIAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE TOLD US THAT OBTAINING PAKISTANI VISAS IS VERY DIFFICULT, VERY SLOW, AND VERY FRUSTRATING.)

3. PURI THOUGHT THE TWO FOREIGN SECRETARIES WOULD INDEED DISCUSS TOPICS OTHER THAN SALAL, BUT WAS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO BE SPECIFIC.

4. THE PAKISTANIN POLCOUNSELOR, M. HUSSAIN, WAS NO MORE HELPFUL LATER IN THE DAY. HUSSAIN SAID THE TWO FOREIGN SECRETARIES WOULD BE DEALING WITH OTHER TOPICS. HE WAS NOT AS OPTIMISTIC AS PURI REGARDING SALA.
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